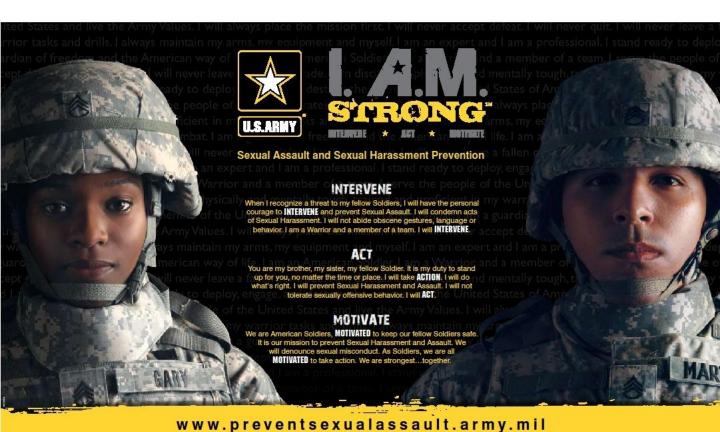
Sexual Assault is a Crime! What do you do if it happens to you?



Get the help you need, REPORT IT!

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Sexual Assault is intentional sexual contact characterized by the use of force, physical threat, or abuse of authority or when the victim does not or cannot consent.

It can happen when the victim is asleep, incapacitated or unconscious and without regard to gender, spousal relationship or age of the victim

Most Soldiers think that sexual assault could not happen to them. The truth is that it can happen to *ANYONE at ANYTIME*. When it does happen, it can be a life changing event. If it happens to you, you may find yourself having difficulty sleeping. When you are ready to begin the healing process consider talking to counselors who are trained in sexual assault. They can help you. Remember, if you are the victim of a sexual assault, *REPORT IT* immediately!

RESTRICTED REPORTING allows a sexual assault victim to confidentially disclose the details of his/her assault to specifically designated individuals to receive medical treatment and counseling, without triggering the investigative process by acknowledging, in writing, their preference for Restricted Reporting and the limitations it places on the ability of the government to prosecute the offender. If selecting a Restricted Report, then the Victim can only report the assault to a Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC), Victim Advocate (VA), Chaplain, or Healthcare Provider.

UNRESTRICTED REPORTING allows a sexual assault victim to report a Sexual Assault to a variety of agencies and individuals. If the Unrestricted Reporting option is selected, it allows the Government to proceed with prosecuting the alleged perpetrator. Potential first responder points of contact to initiate victim assistance include reporting a sexual assault incident to the following:

- Medical Services
- Law Enforcement
- Chaplains
- Chain of Command
- Legal Services
- Family Advocacy Program
- EO Advisor/program manager
- Sexual Assault Response Coordinator (SARC)
- Installation or unit Victim Advocate (IVA/UVA)

LIMITED REPORT/REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE ONLY allows a sexual assault victim who was not on military orders or status to confidentially disclose the details of his/her assault to the SARC or Chaplain. The SARC will refer victim to civilian resources. No identifying information is reported to chain of command.